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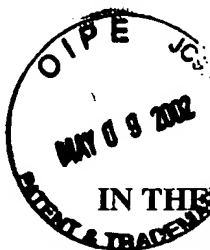
Submitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Office Action relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the amendment. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Sir:

25 In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated February 27, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

30 Please amend the claims as indicated below. A version of the claims which has been  
marked to show all changes is included as an Appendix.

Please cancel claims 9-28, 36 and 37, without prejudice.

35 1. (Amended) A method for generating a configuration file for at least one firewall in a  
network, said network including a plurality of hosts, said method comprising the steps of:

a) receiving a definition for a plurality of roles that specify the ability of a host to send and  
receive packets, wherein each of said roles may be assigned to said hosts independently of a topology  
of said network;

40 receiving an assignment of said roles to said hosts in said network; and